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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS TO GO TO 4 ALUMS OF U OF MONTANA

MISSOULA, Mont.---

Three business administration graduates and a fine arts specialist will receive Distinguished Service Awards recently from the University of Montana Alumni Association during the University's 1969 homecoming festivities Oct. 17-18.

The award recipients, William J. Gallagher, Missoula, Boynton G. Paige, Philipsburg, Merritt N. Warden, Kalispell, and Arnold S. Gillette, Iowa City, Iowa, were announced by Hal Stearns, Harlowton, association president, at an alumni meeting in East Glacier last weekend.

The men were selected in recognition of their distinguished service to the University, the state or nation and for the honor they have brought to UM and themselves.

They were chosen by a screening committee appointed by Stearns and Robert T. Pantzer, University president.

Gallagher, a 1925 business administration graduate and former class president, is serving his second term on the UM Foundation. He was instrumental in launching the Mansfield Lecture Series.

He established the Westmont Tractor Co. in 1929 and is chairman of the company's board and president of Gallagher, Inc., a finance holding company.

Gallagher has been director, chairman and president of the United Givers Drive in Missoula, president of the Montana Equipment Distributors, a trustee of the Missoula Community Hospital, a director for the Western Montana National Bank and Intermountain Lumber Company.

Paige, president of the Flint Creek Valley Bank, Philipsburg, is a 1927 business administration graduate. He has served the Alumni Association as a delegate and president.

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He has been chairman of the Granite County High School Board of Trustees and is a member of the State Board of Education. In his capacity as an ex-officio regent of the Montana University System, he began his first 8-year term in 1958 and was reappointed in 1966

Paige is past president of Rotary, the Philipsburg Chamber of Commerce and the Western Montana Bankers Association. He belonged to the executive board of the Montana Orphans home at Twin Bridges. He was chairman of the Montana Liquor Control Board from 1948-52.

The third recipient and business administration graduate, Merritt N. Warden, is also a law graduate and president of the UM Foundation. He received both degrees in 1939.

A partner in the law firm of Korn, Warden & Walterskirchen in Kalispell, he is a member of the Montana Bar Association, Northwest Montana Bar Association and American Bar Association. He recently was re-elected president of the UM Foundation Board of Trustees.

He was a member of the State Board of Education from 1952-60.

Warden received special commendation for his duty as an Army lieutenant colonel during World War II. Decorations for his outstanding service include the Combat Infantryman Badge with five stars for European Theater, the Bronze Star, Silver Star and Croix de Guerre from the French government.

Gillette, a 1928 graduate in fine arts, specialized in dramatic art and scenic design. He is a professor and director of the University Theater at the University of Iowa, Iowa City,

A former UM track star, Gillette received a master's degree from Yale University in 1931 and began teaching at the University of Iowa the same year.

He earned a Rockefeller Fellowship in 1935 for study of European scenic design and a research professorship in 1965.

Gillette is past president of the American Educational Theater Association and a member of the U.S. Institute of Theater Technology. He has also served as president and on the board of trustees of the National Theater Conference.